



1 defender or the Office of the Attorney General when the  
2 eligible career attorney is employed as an assistant attorney  
3 general or assistant statewide prosecutor.

4 (b) "Eligible attorney" means an assistant state  
5 attorney, assistant public defender, assistant attorney  
6 general, or assistant statewide prosecutor.

7 (c) "Eligible career attorney" means an eligible  
8 attorney who has completed at least 3 years but not more than  
9 12 years of continuous service on his or her employment  
10 anniversary date. However, eligibility for student loan  
11 repayment assistance may not be lost due to a break in  
12 employment of less than 2 weeks while an eligible attorney  
13 transfers to another employer of eligible attorneys.

14 (d) "Eligible student loan" means a loan that was  
15 issued pursuant to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as  
16 amended, to an eligible career attorney to fund his or her law  
17 school education and which is not in default.

18 (e) "Maximum available amount" means, in the event  
19 that the amount of an appropriation from the General Revenue  
20 Fund to an administering body is less than the amount  
21 necessary to fund total payments by the administering body,  
22 the amount that results from multiplying the percentage of  
23 total funding appropriated by the payment amount of \$3,000 or  
24 \$5,000 as provided in paragraph (3)(b). The percentage of  
25 total funding appropriated is the amount that results from  
26 dividing the amount of the appropriation by the amount  
27 necessary to fund total payments under paragraph (3)(b).

28 (3) The student loan assistance program shall be  
29 administered in the following manner:

30 (a) Within 30 days after the employment anniversary  
31 date of an individual, the individual may submit to his or her

1 employer a certification affidavit on a form authorized by the  
2 administering body, which certifies that he or she, as of his  
3 or her last employment anniversary date, is an eligible career  
4 attorney with one or more eligible student loans. Upon  
5 approval by the employing state attorney, public defender,  
6 Attorney General, or statewide prosecutor, the certification  
7 affidavit shall be submitted to the administering body within  
8 60 days following the last employment anniversary date of the  
9 eligible career attorney.

10 (b) The administering body that receives a  
11 certification affidavit for an eligible career attorney  
12 having:

13 1. Three to five years of continuous service shall  
14 make a payment in the amount of \$3,000 or in the maximum  
15 available amount, whichever is less.

16 2. Six to twelve years of continuous service shall  
17 make a payment in the amount of \$5,000 or in the maximum  
18 available amount, whichever is less.

19 (c) A payment under paragraph (b) shall be made by the  
20 administering body:

21 1. For the benefit of the eligible career attorney  
22 named in the certification affidavit and for the purpose of  
23 satisfying his or her eligible student loan obligation.

24 2. To the lender that services the eligible student  
25 loan between July 1 and July 31 of the next fiscal year  
26 following receipt of the certification affidavit by the  
27 administering body.

28 3. For the eligible student loan that has the highest  
29 current interest rate if the eligible career attorney holds  
30 more than one eligible student loan.

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